

WASHINGTON, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1907.

HOUSE GUESSING
AT NEXT SPEAKER

"Three Jims"—Sherman, Watson, and Tawney Are Mentioned.

Not a little interesting gossip is floating about the House these days on the subject of who will be Speaker of that body when "Uncle Joe" has served his time. For practical purposes, this is understood to mean who will be the Speaker of the House to follow this one, since Speaker Cannon is a presidential candidate and stands, as is generally agreed, no considerable show of getting on the Presidential ticket.

"The three Jims" oddly enough, are the men most prominently mentioned for the Speakership when, for any reason, "Uncle Joe" may lay down the reins of rule in the House. These are Representative James S. Sherman of New York, Representative James A. Tawney of Minnesota, and Representative James Ell Watson of Indiana.

Each of these men is generally regarded as an aspirant for the Speaker's chair and as having given more than passing thought to the ambition to handle the Speaker's gavel.

Each of the men mentioned is an important factor in the Republican leadership of the House. Mr. Sherman was chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee in the last Congress. He has just been honored by being selected for a place on the Rules Committee, to succeed General Charles Grosvenor, the veteran member from Ohio. Representative Tawney is head of the Appropriations Committee, and Mr. Watson is a whip of the Republican side and a member of the Ways and Means Committee.

"Jim" Watson may be eliminated from the situation by his nomination and election for governor of Indiana. Hoosier politicians indicate that he appears to head the list of entries in the governorship race in his State.

As head of the Appropriations Committee last session, Representative Tawney achieved a reputation for ability and firmness in watching over the interests of the Treasury Department and preventing too many fingers getting into the revenue pie. He has a hard problem before him this session, but if he maintains his grip as well as he did last session, it will add greatly to his prestige in the House.

Speaker Cannon has a high opinion of Tawney and trusts him thoroughly. At the same time, he places entire confidence in "Jim" Sherman, and showed this when he put the New York man on the Rules Committee. It is not likely the Speaker will try to dictate his successor, and if he did he would have some trouble making a choice between Tawney, Sherman, and Watson.

Three in Race for Chair
Of Democratic Committee

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MISSOURI MAN, WHO IS CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE.

Representative James T. Lloyd of Missouri and Representative Hal Flood of Virginia were yesterday afternoon neck-and-neck in the race for the chairmanship of the Democratic Con-

gressional Campaign Committee, and the friends of each were claiming final victory for their man.

Lloyd, it is believed, is stronger among the House members, while Flood is sure of pretty much all the nine votes from the Senate membership of the committee. Bowers of Mississippi is the third man in the race. It is expected now that, when it is seen that Bowers cannot be elected, his strength will go to either of the other two, or there may be such a deadlock that Bowers will have a chance to carry off the plum.

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The election will be held shortly after the Christmas holidays, when the committee will meet in this city. Griggs of Georgia, who was chairman last time, will not be a candidate for the place.

TILLMAN SEEKS LIGHT
ON THINGS FINANCIAL

Senator Tillman will, as he himself says, make a "human interrogation point" of himself tomorrow in the Senate. The subject of his interrogatories will be finance, with particular reference to the national banking system and the issue of clearing house certificates which became such a common practice during the recent money squeeze.

He wants to know whether these issues were legal, and in view of the fact that the national banking act describes the character of currency that the banks may put in circulation without recognizing the certificates he will claim that they were not so. In the case of their issue by State banks he will want to know why the certificates were not liable to the 10 per cent tax assessable on currency issued by those institutions, whether anybody attempted to levy such a tax upon them, and if not, why not.

In the course of his remarks Senator Tillman will review the failures of the John R. Walsh bank of Chicago, and the Mercantile National Bank in New York, with the disclosures which have been made of the excessive loans made by the banks to their officers and directors. He will want to know how it is possible for these things to go on if the bank examiners do their duty.

MAURETANIA BEGINS TRIP
FOLLOWING HER ACCIDENT

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 14.—The Cunarder Mauretania sailed for New York tonight after twenty-four hours' delay following her stranding on her way to the landing.

The divers who examined her hull reported no damage.

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Jim Tawney Sings Praises
Of Panama Climate---Why?

NEWS NOTE—Jim Tawney, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, has returned from Panama singing the praises of the officials in charge of the work.

It is a well-known fact, at least to all who attend the closing sessions of Congress, that Chairman Tawney can sing. Few of his friends, however, were prepared for the statement that he had returned from his trip to Panama "singing," in view of the fact that Mr. Tawney is now facing a long session of Congress, when the stress for appropriations will be both heavy and long continued; and, notwithstanding that the country is somewhat squeezed financially.

Chased for Appropriations.

Some of the persons who are very cordial to Mr. Tawney when chasing him for appropriations, have discovered a story recently printed in a Kentucky paper, that they claim explains why Mr. Tawney returned to Washington singing, and by the same token they declare that it is to be expected that many more Congressional parties will soon be headed for Panama to "investigate the canal operations."

The incriminating story is as follows:

"Some weeks ago Col. John B.

Thompson shipped former Senator Joe Blackburn, who is chairman of the Panama Canal Commission at \$10,000 a year, a barrel of seven-year-old Jordan. This week Colonel Thompson received a letter from "Old Joe" informing him of the safe arrival of the booze, and also stating that the Panama Congressional Committee from Washington was due there in a few days.

Spend the Winter.

"The ex-Senator insisted that Colonel Thompson and Judge Hughes come down and spend the winter with him, and the two gentlemen may go to Panama about February 1 and remain a month, as Mr. Blackburn says that the climate is the finest on earth. In his reply Mr. Thompson informed Mr. Blackburn that the Congressional Committee had probably by this time come and gone and the Old Jordan had no doubt departed with them, so he immediately shipped him another barrel of the good old stuff. Senator Blackburn had not touched a drop of liquor in ten years, but he can let visiting Kentuckians to the Canal Zone wet their whiskies with the best brand of liquor made in the Blue Grass State."

SONS OF REVOLUTION
TO MEET WEDNESDAY

The December meeting of the Sons of the American Revolution will be held at the Arlington Hotel Wednesday evening. Following the business session, Thomas P. Gore, the newly elected Senator from Oklahoma, and Representative James T. Lloyd, of Missouri, will address the society. William T. Pierson and William A. Rodgers will contribute the musical features of the evening. A buffet supper will be served.

The newly elected members will be formally installed as compatriots. They are Theodore Cornell Fenton, U. S. N.; John Bryant Torbert, Royal Wheeler Thompson, Israel Cyrus Stockton, George Williams Allison, Albert Galatin Stockton, Jackson Smith, William Scott Parks, John Henry Small, Jr., Benjamin C. Somervell.

W. L. Marsh is the president of the local society; John E. Fenwick, corresponding secretary, and P. F. Lerner, treasurer.

OREGON SOCIETY
ELECTS OFFICERS

The Society of the Oregon Country met at Economic Hall, 112 C street northwest, Thursday evening and elected officers for the year as follows: President, A. M. Condra; first vice president, William Burnell; second vice president, Mrs. Katherine Lackland; secretary, Walter P. Williams; treasurer, J. B. O'Neil; executive committee, H. H. Gilfoy, A. W. Patterson, Miss C. E. Ross, Max Pracht, Ben Irving.

Upon the report of a special committee of the society appointed to confer with a like committee of the California State Association, it was decided to cooperate with the California society in holding a Pacific coast banquet, at which speakers of local and national reputation have promised to be present.

The banquet will take place in the Ebbitt House, in January, the date to be announced later.

The next meeting of the society will be held at the residence of Mrs. Katherine Lackland, 1406 W street northwest, January 11.

DETACHED OFFICERS
DRAIN ON THE ARMY

Bill Presented Asks for Men to Meet the Demands.

"The War Department has sent to Congress a list of officers absent from their organizations on detached service. This list footed up to the large total of 582 June 30, 1907. Acting Secretary of War Oliver in a communication has called the attention of Congress to the facts and is urging a bill authorizing additional officers to meet the needs of the military service.

The subject is likely to receive a great deal of attention this session in the House and Senate, especially in the Military Affairs Committees.

General Oliver in his communication has included a memorandum from Gen. J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff of the army. It shows the number of absent officers is rapidly increasing. It was 511 in 1905 and the next year 527. Now it has increased to 582, the highest figure on record in a time of peace. The general staff alone has forty-two officers detailed to it, ninety-one are on recruiting service, seventy-three detailed to West Point as instructors, eighty-four to the infantry and cavalry school and staff college at Fort Leavenworth, forty-nine to the artillery school at Fort Monroe, fifty-six as instructors at State educational institutions, twenty-one with the provisional government in Cuba, twenty with the Philippine scouts, twenty-four at department headquarters, twenty-nine as aides-de-camp, and a large number of others are scattered about on detached duty here and there.

In the list of aides-de-camp, are the officers detailed to the White House as social aides.

General Bell is emphatic in declaring that the situation is an alarming one, calling for relief from Congress.

The majority of absentees, according to General Bell, are company officers. Normally, there should be three officers with a company. That is a rare state of facts, however, and the rule is two or one only.

"The routine duty falling upon company officers is very great," says the chief of staff.

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